

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Human trafficking is a violation of a person's rights and dignity through the trade of human beings in sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and other forms of slavery and trafficking; and,

*Whereas*, Human trafficking became a federal crime when the United States Congress passed the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, and was renewed in 2013 as an amendment to the Violence Against Women Act; and,

*Whereas*, Human trafficking occurs when an adult, child, or infant is forcibly recruited, harbored, or transported for the purpose of forced exploitation, commercialized sexual exploitation, slavery, illicit adoption, removal of organs, or forced labor or services; and,

*Whereas*, While the exact scope of human trafficking remains unknown, it is estimated 27 million people are affected worldwide, including an estimated 2 million children, who are chosen for their vulnerability in society; and,

*Whereas*, Law enforcement has increased efforts to investigate, prosecute, and curb human trafficking in South Dakota, which is vulnerable due to trafficking on interstate highways and due to internet advertising; and,

*Whereas*, Legislation has been passed in South Dakota to raise awareness, education, prevention, and protection for all residents, thereby declaring the state of South Dakota will continue the fight to end human trafficking:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2016 as

## *HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State